
Beach Cleaning – How to do it, step by step

To do a beach cleaning action, in Portugal, we have to fulfill several requirements.

Step One:

In our experience we need to say that the first contact should be maritime authorities because the next step will only move forward if this is addressed.

Also, it would be advised to make such requirement well before time, we recommend probably 3/4 months ahead of time.

Step Two:

School can use insurance for their own students and staff, however we wanted families to participate as well, so we had to make sure everyone was covered, otherwise authorisation would not be granted. We select, therefore, to participate in the WorldCleanUpDay (20th of September) because FundacaoOceanoAzul granted the insurance on adults has long as we provided with full names (this was obtained in the registration form we provided to our community).

Step Three:

After this is assured, we had to ask Municipality authorities to give us authorisation to clean the beach. Here we had to send a gps coordinates to set the area, summary description of the purpose, a plan of the plan, and a photo of the place where we would meet and gather people around.

Step Four:

We must also be certain that beach concessionary will accept our installation and presence since, in Portugal, the bar is granted the beach space.

Step Five:

Because we wanted to clean, separate and value some of the collected residues we also needed to make sure that this was assured. In our case it was Lipor (recycle enterprise) that helped us to make the separation plan. The OGN FOCA also was present to get their experience in using creating work groups.



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Step Six:

It is necessary to get a big enough van to carry the wastes to school in order to identify, group and start the creation plan.